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**WALKER STATEMENT ON BOARD SUSTAINING VETO
OF SALES TAX REFERENDUM**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker issued the following statement on the County Board sustaining his veto of the sales tax referendum by a 10-9 vote:

“If Supervisors are serious about a \$120 million sales tax increase, they should run on it during the next elections. April 1 can be the ultimate referendum on a sales tax.

My guess is that they know that voters don’t want higher taxes because they don’t believe that the funds would go to the areas promised. The public understands that the members of the County Board passed a .5% sales tax in 1991 with the promise of property tax relief. Instead, property taxes went up 55% during the following ten years. People aren’t dumb. They get it.

Fighting over an advisory referendum that has no legal mandate on county or state government detracts from the real debate that must occur on how to find new and innovative ways to provide core county services.”

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